

NOTES

The Botanical Magazine. When Sir William Jackson Hooker assumed in 1827 the editorial control of *The Botanical Magazine* he adopted the plan of dedicating the yearly volume to a man or woman distinguished in botany or horticulture, or to one of the great patrons of horticulture. This plan has been followed by succeeding editors up to the present day. In 1850 Sir Joseph Dalton Hooker who had followed his father as editor, dedicated the seventy-sixth volume to Dr. JOHN TORREY of New York, "the distinguished author of *The Flora of North America*," and the next year the seventy-seventh volume was dedicated to ASA GRAY by his "affectionate and faithful friend the author." No other American was honored in this way until 1911, when Sir David Prain dedicated the one hundred and thirty-seventh volume to Professor SARGENT, the Director of the Arboretum, and now the volume for 1919 is dedicated "to ERNEST HENRY WILSON, Assistant Director of the Arnold Arboretum, whose ardour as an explorer and judgment as a collector have added to our gardens many eastern Asiatic plants whose portraits embellish *The Botanical Magazine*." It is interesting that of these four men living in America (Mr. Wilson is a British subject) who have been honored in this way three have been connected with Harvard.